

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING, 5050 S. LAKE DRIVE, MILWAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
Monday, November 30, 2010**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Anthony Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following answered “present” to roll call: Council Members Mikolajczak, Schissel, Otto, Litkowiec and Bartoshevich. Also in attendance: Deputy Clerk Toms-Neary, Police Chief Poellot, Fire Chief Mayer, Captain Kraker, DPW Director Lange, Comptroller Williamson, Health Director Wantuch, Library Director Roepke, City Accountant Schuknecht and City Attorney Eberhardy.

A statement of public notice was given at this time.

The public hearing was held pursuant to the provisions of chapter 65 of the Wisconsin Statutes to hear public comment by the citizens of the City of Cudahy relating to the 2011 budget as proposed by the Common Council.

The proposed budget levy presented was \$7,924,005 which is an increase of 2.877% over 2010.

**The following spoke before the Common Council:**

- Rebecca Roepke, Library Director and resident at 3503 E. Cudahy Ave. spoke regarding some misinformation given at the last Finance Meeting regarding the library budget and programs and procedures. She stated for the record that the library had a tax levy increase of 0 in 2010. She also reported on all of the grants received and those in progress along with a report on staffing and services that are offered and utilized by Cudahy residents.
- Dan Stanislawski of 4590 S. Nicholson Ave. spoke to the Council regarding attendance at the hearing, notice of public hearing and other matters.
- Patricia Jursik, Milwaukee County Supervisor and resident at 4535 S. Sheridan Dr. and business owner at 4600 S. Packard Avenue spoke regarding the importance of reconsidering the decision to change the Economic Development Director’s job from full time to part time. She reviewed some of the projects going on in the south shore and gave reasons on the importance of keeping this position full time. Supervisor Jursik also gave an overview and update of county issues and projects.
- Tom Pavlic of 6015 Summer Winds Ct. was disappointed that the Council did not hold the budget to a 0 increase. He asked for an explanation for the increase in revenues for Licenses and Permits and Fines and Forfeitures.
- Sara Eberhardy business owner, Chairperson of CDA and resident of 3005 E. Vogel Avenue, questioned the process used to change the Economic Development Director position from full time to part time. She stated that a full time director is necessary and does much more behind the scenes than people realize and proceeded to review some of the achievements of that department over the past 2 years. She noted that money will not be saved as the City will need to increase spending for legal and professional fees to compensate for the loss.
- Roger Davis of 2809 E. Donald Ave. felt that the Council should reconsider the budget and reduce it to a 0% increase.
- Jack Vaccaro of 4720 S. Packard Avenue spoke to set the record straight regarding past activities of the part time Economic Development Director.

- Joseph Rapant of 3717 E. Morris spoke regarding empty properties that have been foreclosed upon. He also spoke regarding the bad condition of his streets and that they need to be maintained at a higher level.
- Bruce Schuknecht City Accountant and resident of 3343 E. Van Norman spoke regarding tax increases since 2008 and the reasons behind them. He further explained the increase to revenues from Licenses and Permits and Fines and Forfeitures. He noted that health insurance premiums increased 8.66% and that \$160,000 of the increase is attributed to debt service and \$218,000 to salary and fringe benefits.
- Richard Ceschin, CDA member and resident of 3818 E. Plankinton Avenue stated that he was comfortable with the budget and felt it was a reasonable tax increase. He stated that the Economic Development Department is pivotal for this community as it goes forward and as the economy begins recovery, it is imperative that there is a full time Economic Development Director. He further stated that a part time person will delay recovery for the City and asked the Council to reconsider their vote and reestablish a full time Economic Development Director as it will not increase the City budget and have no impact on the tax levy.
- Mike Clark, member of the CDA and resident of 3754 E. Henry Ave. reiterated the need for a full time Director of the Economic Development Department. He stated that a lot of the inroads and necessary and complicated behind the scenes activity will not be done if we have a part time person. He also questioned why this action to change from full time to part time was part of the City budget as the full time director does not affect the tax rate. He stated that if at some time the TIF fund cannot support a full time person, then changes would be made. He also stated that going from full time to part time would take the City back ten years and that past legal fees could have been avoided had there been someone in that position full time.

The Mayor asked three times for further public comment and there were none.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:45 P.M.